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SUBJECT: US-CANADIAN ARTICLE XXVIII DISCUSSIONS ON FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES

REF: GENEVA 10831

1. SUMMARY: IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 8 GOC
REPS INFORMED U.S. DEL THEY ARE FORMULATING NEW
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COMPENSATION OFFER FOR ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS ON
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. CANADIAN OFFER, TO BE DISCUSSED
WITH U.S. DEL IN OCTOBER, WILL REPORTEDLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
U.S. INTERESTS AS STATED IN U.S. SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL OF
JULY 11. END SUMMARY.

2. GOC REPS, IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH JAPANESE MINISTER

OF AGRICULTURE, ALSO MET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. CANDEL, CHAIRED BY SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT MIN. AG. TRANT, INCLUDED MTN AG. COUNSELOR GIFFORD; LOOMER, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TARIFFS SECTION, MIN. OF FINANCE; AND CALDWELL, CANADIAN EMBASSY COMCOUNS. U.S. TEAM, CHAIRED BY STEWART OF STR, INCLUDED COOK, HARESHAPE, REYNOLDS AND HEIMPEL OF USDA/FAS; WOODS AND PATTERSON OF STATE/EB; AND SCHWAB OF STR. DISCUSSION WAS INFORMAL AND FRIENDLY.

3. CANDEL INFORMED UNITED STATES THEY ARE FORMULATING COMPENSATION OFFER IN RESPONSE TO U.S. COMPENSATION PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD DURING LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, JULY 10-13. THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN REACHING SETTLEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CLAIMED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WILL OFFER MORE COMPENSATION THAN THEY FELT WAS OWED. ELEMENTS WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE BOTH DUTY CUTS AND REDUCTIONS IN DUTIABLE SEASONS, IN SOME CASES FULLY MEETING U.S. REQUESTS.

4. U.S. DEL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS ON THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS SENSITIVE AND REITERATED U.S. POSITION THAT IN ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERED COMPENSATION CANNOT BE FORCED BY GATT CPS. CANDEL AGREED WITH THIS PRINCIPLE BUT NOTED THAT AN APPLICANT CONTRACTING PARTY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN AN ARTICLE XXVIII CASE CAN CONTEST THE EXTENT OF COMPENSATORY WITHDRAWALS VIA ARTICLE XXIII.

5. CANDEL PROPOSED SCHEDULING ANOTHER "INFORMAL CHAT" BEFORE MID-OCTOBER TO GET U.S. REACTION TO ELEMENTS OF CANADIAN COMPENSATION PROPOSAL. CANDEL WILL PROPOSE MEETING DATES AND PLACE, MOST LIKELY OTTAWA. CHRISTOPHER

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